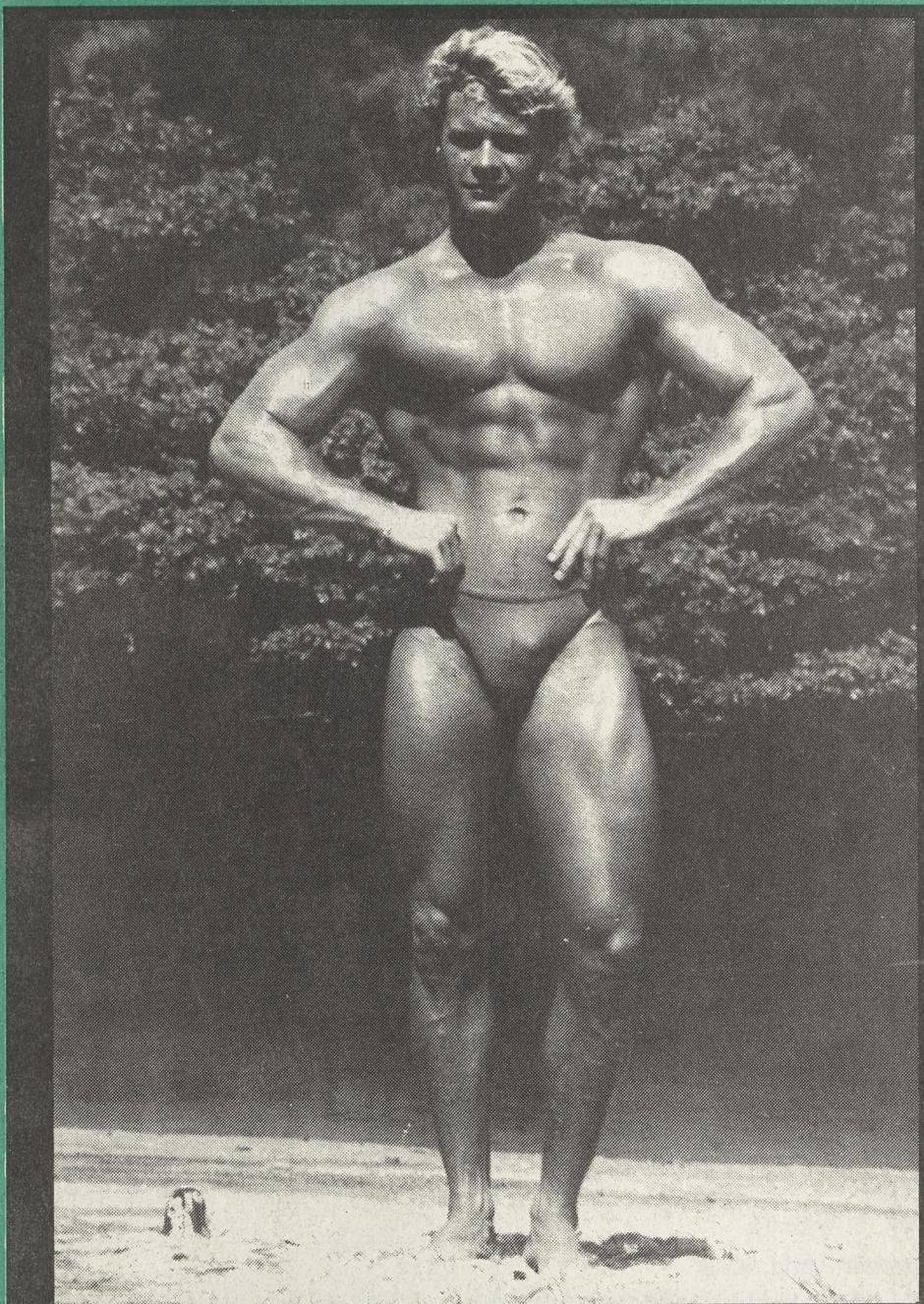


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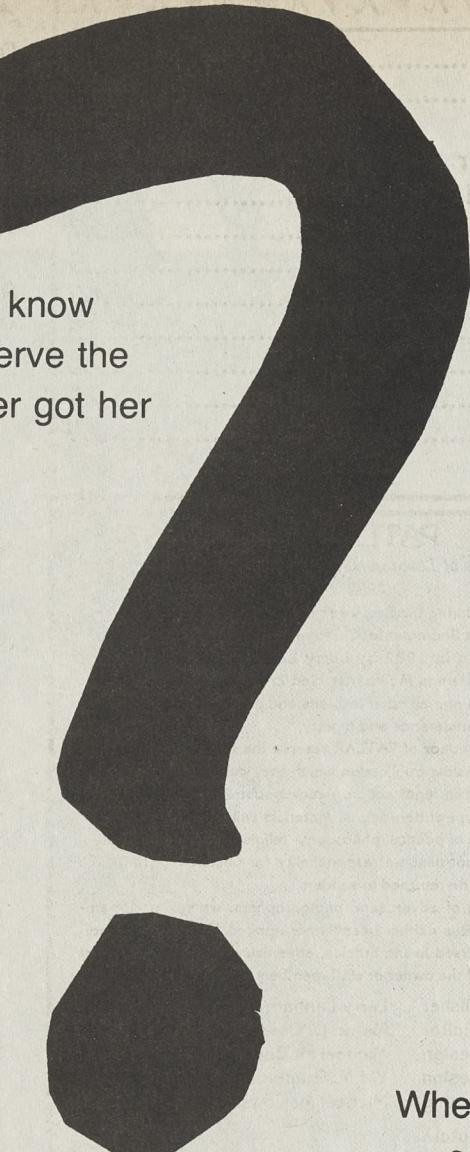
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Editor's note: This is the first "crank letter" I have gotten in some time - unsigned, San Francisco post mark, and written in red, felt-tip pen on a page torn out of the February PATLAR. It was the page our "LeatherSpace" column began. Here is the full text:

"BORING: Real Leathermen already know all this bullshit. Why not cover all the good things leather men and women do?"

Editor's Response: Although I am very tempted to resort to sarcasm, I will simply state what I feel are rather obvious points. First, contrary to this person's view of "real" leathermen, I know that those of us into leather did not all spring up like Minerva fully aware of our leather sexuality and possessed of a stunning set of boots, chaps, vest, and jacket. (OK — so I gave in to a little sarcasm.) The lack of good, solid information on leathersex in our "mainstream" Gay and Lesbian media is a key part of why so many are afraid to come out, and I would rather publish a "boring" column that celebrated leather and succeeded in opening up leather sensuality to others than an "exciting" one which only spoke to people already on the inside.

Second, I do attempt to give adequate coverage to leather events and accomplishments. Had I no budget or space constraints, all facets of our community would be given lavish coverage! But given the reality of frayed finances and competing priorities (AIDS, parenting, politics, the bar scene, court functions, etc...) I have to place limits. As always, any constructive efforts to assist us are welcome and appreciated.

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I suspect that the Lesbian and Gay community has a fervent love/hate relationship with its media, and in light of this being the Gay and Lesbian Press Association's "Media Awareness Month", I thought I would share with you some of my views and observations of the role of our Gay and Lesbian media.

For instance, where did you pick up this *PATLAR*? In a bar? A bookstore? How did you know to go there? Chances are you saw an ad or announcement in a Lesbian and Gay paper!

Our media serve vital cultural functions. Not only do we represent Gays and Lesbians to the

larger society, we help hold our own community together. Without Gay and Lesbian media, how would we have any idea of the depth and range of our accomplishments? What junior high history book will do justice to James Baldwin, Dell Martin, or Harry Hay? Our media have shouldered much of the responsibility for filling the tragic chasm that has opened in our oral history and traditions because of the HIV epidemic, a history few have dared commit to paper in the past (remember Magnus Hirschfeld?).

Publishing a Lesbian and Gay paper is inherently a political act! Our very existence is a challenge to the established heterosupremacist order. Our Gay and Straight advertisers share in that political act, and they should be rewarded with our patronage. That support has allowed Lesbian and Gay media to hit hard on such news stories as the AIDS epidemic, military homophobia, gay youth suicide, and hate crimes, and we demanded that society be held accountable. We also ensure that our own community's leaders are held accountable. We are the means whereby information is gathered and shared, education is achieved, and actions are coordinated.

Finally, we are businesses — we exist to provide a unique service and to earn sufficient compensation to continue. We have consistently donated or discounted ads to nurture new businesses or ensure the success of community events, but ultimately our bottom line must be our bottom line. Frankly, it seems like sometimes members of our community forget the media can exist for reasons other than their own edification and aggrandizement. The service we provide to the community goes beyond supplying a bit of text to fill in around the ads. In fact, it is the reverse — the ads ought to exist to support the text.

This month I urge you to reflect on how much our community, and you yourself, rely on Gay and Lesbian media. If any of us stumble or die, the community loses a vital part of our common voice. As we prosper the community gains strength and power — and that really ought to please everybody.▼

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**Ralph
Walker**



...and There Is More!

Editor's Note: Ralph's Valentine's Day message was unfortunately squeezed out of our February issue to conserve space, but we offer it to you now and hope you enjoy it.

"...but give not your heart away," ends a line of one of the reputedly gay English poet, A.E. Houseman's, lyrical odes. The poet is correct; to truly give of yourself, to "give your heart away" is to risk disillusionment, loss, grief and pain ...and "endless rue."

It certainly seems possible that the bar scene and the quick and easy sex that has characterized much of our social and sexual lives for years was designed to avoid just such dangers. The incorrect phone number, the address that does not exist; the failure to "recognize" the next day, or the next week, that face that had so intrigued you at closing time at the bar...

We are much too sophisticated and wise to "fall" into love. Or, often, it seems, to even fall into friendship. For, you see, if you do not have to depend on anyone, then you can never be abandoned, left, deserted or disappointed. In a word, it is "safe" if you do not get involved.

So, what do you send in the way of Valentine's greetings this year? Or other years? I know the sexy, revealing nude, displaying something "big" as a Valentine offering sells well. I receive a few of them — and take delight in those hunky, muscular guys ... and, sure! The "big" equipment! These cards allow us to do our "giving" without any risk of commitment or involvement with the person to whom we send the card. Or, there are some very amusing comic ones — I find quite a selection at my local shops — which let Valentine's Day be the occasion for a laugh. And there are many other variations on light, airy, non-committal themes which seem to skirt any chance of serious involvement or deep or profound caring or loving.

What has become of those old-fashioned, lace-trimmed, "giving it all away" cards of yore? Their numbers seem far less common in recent years. Have you begun to believe that truly you should not "give your heart away?"

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**Leonard
Earl Johnson**



Yours Truly in a Swamp

Andrew Vachss is the author of six gut-wrenching novels on the subject of child abuse and pedophilia. We met, most recently, in the lobby of the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel. He sat, autographing his latest, *Sacrifice*. His other titles are *Flood*, *Strega*, *Blue Belle*, and *Blossom*.

Vachss is a striking man to watch. He is slender, handsome and wears a black leather patch over his right eye. This was our third-meeting in two years and I have never seen him when he was not both rumpled and elegant. Today was no exception. He had just spoken to a sold-out luncheon at the 1991 New Orleans Writers Conference.

I sat in a chair off to the side as he greeted his fans. He smiles with a slight disdain, not so much at them, I know from other conversations, but at the difficulty the world has grasping his message. "People sometimes walk out on me," he said at a Maple Leaf Books-Uptown Square autographing two years ago.

The crowd thins. A skilled staffer with the Writers Conference moves between us and a few us into an empty space. A coffee pot appears, always a welcome sight in New Orleans.

LEJ: I know you do not make the false assumption that all gays are pedophiles. Vachss raises his hands, one French cuff is partly turned back over itself, "No gays are pedophiles. People who are gay are people who chose to have sex with those of the same sex who are adults. People who chose to have sex with children are neither heterosexual nor homosexual, they are pedophiles. They are a separate and distinct class of humanity."

"The biggest problem for the gay community is public perception, which has been fostered by the acceptance in the gay community of groups like NAMBLA (North American Man Boy Love Association). NAMBLA marches in the gay rights parades! What have child molesters got to do with gay rights?"

"I think the gay community has done itself the biggest disservice by allowing its name and its reputation — its own sense of honor — to be associated with people who fuck babies."

"I don't have a whole hell of a lot else to say up-
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I do hope not!

In 72 years, I've given my heart away, many times, and usually received a loving heart in return. In most instances, a richly rewarding relationship was gained. Not for a lifetime, I confess, but for years! Do I regret any of that "giving"?

No, not for one moment! Each relationship, of whatever duration, allowed a wondrous chance for growing, learning, experiencing, loving, and yes! Sexing! I have no regrets for any of them. And, unlike the poet, I've not "paid in endless rue." Yes, tears, sometimes, at endings; yet, I have always been willing to go on, once more, to "give my heart away."

My advice? I cannot tell you what to do, but I can tell you that you miss much, and deny yourself some incredibly valuable growing/learning, as well as the true miracle of love, if you insist on holding on, holding back, keeping it all neat and contained, staying "safe and secure" within our own "together" self. You will surely manage to stay "looking good" and you will certainly have survived but you not truly have lived.

It has been said by many far wiser than I "The only way to truly have love is to continue giving it away." I am doing that.

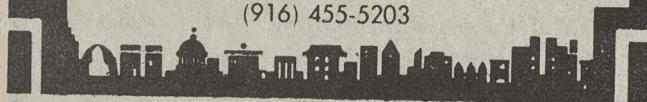
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on that. I don't understand why if a man has sex with a six year old boy the newspapers call it homosexual child molestation. If a man has sex with a six year old girl they don't say it's heterosexual child molestation."

LEJ: Confusion comes when you get into the area of puberty. When does sex become legal? At sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty or twenty-one?

"You don't have to be a genius to figure it out. The law is clear. The law varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. If you are talking about moral law as opposed to statutory law it's another issue. But I will tell you unequivocally! — if you are talking about a pre-pubescent person, there is no such thing as consent. It does not exist. It's a myth in the minds of child molesters."

LEJ: What would you say to the person who says, sex between sixteen/seventeen year olds and adults should be legal?" I would say that is a point of view and they are entitled to it. I would listen to a rational discussion."

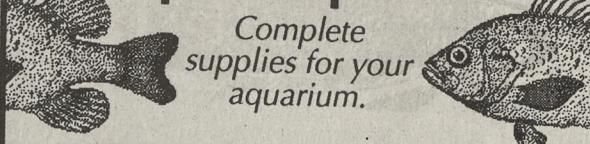
LEJ: That is not, in your point of view, an argument for pedophilia? "No." But you see where that problem enters into the gay rights movement? "I see where that problem enters across the world, ask Roman Polanski."

"I never met a gay person who was a pedophile. I've met people who said they were gay but I don't believe it anymore than I consider a man who has sex with little girls to be a heterosexual. I think its crap, they're child molesters."

LEJ: *Sacrifice*, like all your books is a heavy read. Your subject is a heavy one. "I guess it depends on your point of view. If your point of view is gay then you look at my books either very, very charitably or you hate them. Like, for example, in *Hard Candy*, a piece of dialog out of there became graffiti all over San Francisco: 'Fag bashers are trying to kill what they see in the mirror.'"

Vachss is an attorney working out of his Manhattan office, specializing in child abuse cases. He also lives in New York. We will talk more, later.▼

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**Mel
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In My Opinion

H. L. Mencken once described American political discussion as "massive wallops below the belt." What he meant was that few people seem willing to discuss issues; many prefer the "your mother wears Army boots" style of discourse whereby they try to build their own case by belittling their opponents.

I have been very disappointed, for example, that the latest round of abortion hyperbole has produced little from either side except bombast. In truth, there are good, solid intellectual arguments for each position, and I wish that just once I could hear a public airing of those arguments in a way that appeals to my intellect rather than my emotions. But no, the prolife group resorts to handing out pictures of babies, and the prochoice group responds in kind with pictures of victims of coat hanger abortions. Is this really the best we can do?

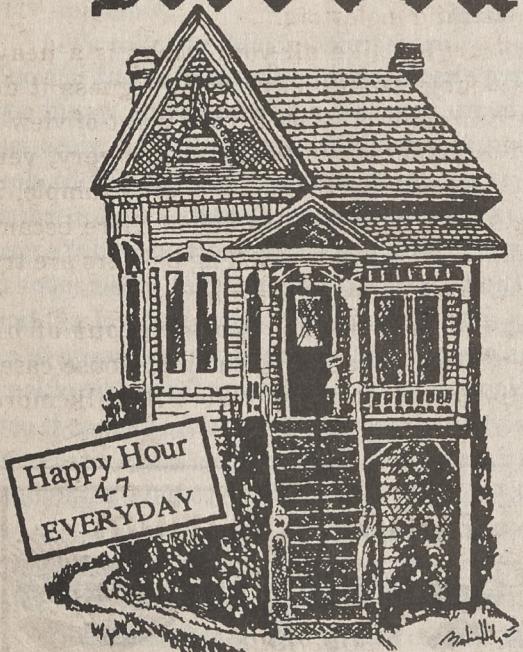
Did Bill Clinton commit adultery, and did Dan Quayle evade the draft? These are very interesting questions. A much more interesting question, how-

ever, is: Who cares? In a nation in which the economy has the potential to match the Great Depression, where millions of Americans are unable to secure medical care, where ever new environmental horrors are revealed with an unsettling degree of regularity and where the former Soviet empire totters on the verge of becoming history's first civil war to be fought with nuclear weapons, I cannot believe that the Washington press corps is so utterly shallow that it actually mistakes Bill Clinton's love life for an important issue.

In terms of traditional personal morality (i.e., not committing adultery, generally telling the truth and not cheating on one's taxes), probably the most moral of our recent presidents was Jimmy Carter, with Gerald Ford not far behind. They were also the most incredibly inept. Historically, the presidents who accomplished great things were, in the main, people who would not be permitted to teach Sunday School: Thomas Jefferson, whose affair with (gasp) a Black woman was widely known, but who was probably the greatest of our early presidents; Andrew Jackson, who married his wife *before* her divorce from her prior husband was final, but who managed to keep the national government out of the hands of the monopolists; Abe Lincoln, who according to recently published diaries may have

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spent part of his youth sharing a bed with another man but who brought this country through a Civil War; Grover Cleveland, who fathered a child out of wedlock — by a woman young enough to be his daughter — but who did a yeoman's job of cleaning up the corruption left by the Grant and Hayes administrations; all the way up to Richard Nixon, deservedly disgraced by Watergate, but who before his fall managed to open China, end the war in Vietnam and completely overhaul the federal bureaucracy.

Of course, I am not saying that personal morality is not important. Behavior has personal consequences, and as a civilized people we do have a responsibility to our fellow humans. But, when it comes time to pick a leader, shall we please remember that the qualifications for being president and the qualifications for being a member of the clergy are not the same.

There are actually two jokes in this equation. The first is on the Washington press corps. They haven't figured out that they, and a few diehard fundies, are the only ones who care who is sleeping with whom. The American voters are smart enough

to realize that they aren't electing apostles; they are electing a president. This gossip, titillating though it may be, doesn't carry much weight when the average voter steps into the polling place to decide whose finger should be on the nuclear button. They know that competence is more important than sexual fidelity. And many of them wish the press would stop pretending that sex is a matter of national concern.

But the other joke is on the American people. How many great leaders from the past, with tremendous talents, gifts and abilities, would never have survived the tremendous scrutiny that is now the order of the day? Martin Luther King, Jr., Jack Kennedy, Winston Churchill, David Ben Gurion, Golda Meir and Anwar Sadat were all utter rascals. They also came to the aid of a world that desperately needed them, and without whose contributions we would be greatly impoverished. By tearing down the leaders, the press leaves us with mediocrities.

Indeed, we will never know how many leaders we never got because they had something personal to hide. For everybody with a skeleton in the closet — and that's just about all of us who are human; I myself candidly admit to having enough to stock a medical school — under a cost/benefit analysis it just isn't worth it. The knowledge that the price of a run for public office is being publicly humiliated by an enterprising reporter — who will then be regarded as a hero in his profession — can't help but have a chilling effect.

I believe absolutely in a free press. But it would be nice if every now and again the press would consider taking responsibility for itself. The press is a powerful institution, with the potential to do a tremendous amount of good. It helped end a war in Vietnam and it brought the horrors of racial segregation to the forefront of our national consciousness. But it has also given us the sorry state of political campaigns we now see, where in its eagerness to expose the clay feet of those running for public office it ignores the truly important issues. As long as it continues to regard Bill Clinton's personal life as an important issue, we will continue to have campaigns lacking in any substance. ♦

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POSITIVE OUTLOOK

The Politicization of AIDS: The Impact of the Conservative Political Agenda on the HIV Epidemic and Social Policy

by Gordon Nary

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Part I

As some members of my generation whose lifestyles have been influenced more by Nick and Nora Charles than by Jane Fonda, I prefer a few martinis to reduce stress rather than a few hours at the gym. So after a particularly stressful day, I go home, take my bottle of Absolut Vodka out of the freezer, and mix up a batch of martinis.

However, I am concerned enough about my health to make certain that I don't drink to excess. So I turn on the television to CNN and watch either *Crossfire* or *The Capitol Gang* and use Pat Buchanan as a surrogate marker of my alcohol/blood level. I've found that when Pat Buchanan's positions begin to sound rational, I've obviously had too many martinis. Now that Pat has announced his bid for the presidency and will not be a regular on the programs, I may have to give up drinking.

I know that Pat Buchanan represents only a small spectrum of conservatives, especially with his anti-Israeli position, but Pat also articulates some popular concepts of conservatives that have had a significant impact on our nation's response to the HIV epidemic.

Let's take the Magic Johnson story as an example. Right after the story broke, Pat's response was (1) Magic obviously patronized prostitutes and therefore he is responsible for the outcome of such immoral consort, (2) only "bad" women (i.e. hookers) can transmit HIV heterosexually and (3) the homosexuals were responsible for the HIV epidemic.

Morton Kondracke, editor of the *New Republic*, was somewhat taken aback by the Magic Johnson announcement and had a difficult time accepting that HIV was a risk to heterosexuals. Vice President Quayle exhibited genuine concern over Johnson's illness, but warned that abstinence was the only answer to prevention. Our president invited Magic to accept an appointment on the National Commission on AIDS and then was irritated by AIDS activists who questioned his compassion.

These examples are unfortunately limited to Republican leaders and spokespersons. I don't mean to pick on the Republicans, it's just that the Democrats haven't said anything for eleven years, so it's difficult to nail them on this issue.

One of the major differences between conservative and liberal politicians is a proselytizing tendency of conservatives to impose their values on others. And those who do not accept their conservative values are somehow not entitled to societal perks of life, liberty and social justice. Pat Buchanan's blame of Magic Johnson for having sex with prostitutes is a prime example of conservative judgmentalism. Pat's perception of women as vectors of disease not only reflects his personal moral judgments, but also a fundamental uneasiness with the concept of women's equality. Women are just not members of the club.

Vice President Quayle's remarks are typical of a conservative approach to nay social issue. A return to fundamental value. Just say no to drugs. Just say no to sex. Just say no to recession. Our values will pull us through the crisis, or is it those with the right values will survive and those with the wrong values will perish? The vice president's remarks are as incisive as Marie Antoinette's apocryphal "Let them eat cake" as her solution to poverty and starvation.

Some have questioned President Bush's nomination of Johnson to the National Commission on AIDS because of the president's resistance to follow

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any of the Commission's recommendations. Federal drug policy is in direct opposition to the Commission's recommendation for policies that would reduce the transmission of HIV among injection drug users and which would provide HIV-infected drug users with timely and appropriate treatment of their addiction and HIV disease. □

I believe that the president is a compassionate man. Unfortunately, Mr. Bush's definition of compassion is markedly different from the definition by persons with HIV disease and their caregivers. Compassion is a public and not a private virtue. Our president's usual rebuttal to the charge of non-compassion is to outline how much the administration has spent on HIV. □

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**Campaign Fund Hires Activist
To Focus On Aids Treatment Agenda**



The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest lesbian and gay and AIDS advocacy group, has created a new staff position to focus on federal HIV/AIDS treatment and research policy issues. Terry Beswick, formerly the Information and Education Director of the San Francisco-based HIV treatment education and advocacy group, Project Inform, has been hired as the Campaign Fund's AIDS Policy Analyst. □

Sierra Foothills AIDS Support

Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation announces the beginning of a new parents and friends support group for persons living in the Roseville and North Sacramento areas. The group is being formed to answer the needs of many people living within the area who have loved ones living with HIV disease and for those who have lost family members to the disease. The group will be facilitated by Bill and Gerry Richmond and Wanda Peabody.

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underwrite the tour. Their goal was recently met when the tour's Presenting Sponsor, Sebastian's CLUB U.N.I.T.E., granted \$350,000 to

"An Event In Three Acts." But, organizers say, they are still accepting corporate sponsorships.

The landmark tour of "An Event In Three Acts" combines the inspiration of the musical Heart Strings with the emotion power of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. It expects to be the largest AIDS fund-raising event in history, raising more than \$5 million for local AIDS service organizations around the country and recruiting thousands of volunteers nationwide as it tours 35 cities nationwide.

The Event begins with Act One, a new production of the tremendously successful musical, Heart Strings. Celebrity narrators tie well-known pieces of music to the words of people with AIDS, their families, friends and caregivers. Act Two is the public display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, which will provide a second and closer look at the issue of AIDS. Act Three is, quite simply, a call to action. Local AIDS service organizations will be present to assist people in taking their next step — volunteer commitment.

Heart Strings will play in Sacramento March 12th - 15th. Please call the Community Center Box Office at (916)264-5181 for ticket information. □

Hiv Pilot Project Introduced

California Assembly Speaker Willie Brown has introduced AB 2525 to help fight HIV transmission. If passed, AB 2525 would allow local governments to establish clean needle exchange projects on a pilot basis. Recent studies have concluded that a needle exchange program can serve as an important bridge to treatment and recovery from drug abuse and can curtail the spread of the HIV disease.

AB 2525 would not legalize the possession of drug paraphernalia by drug addicts, but it would protect those distributing clean needles and sy-

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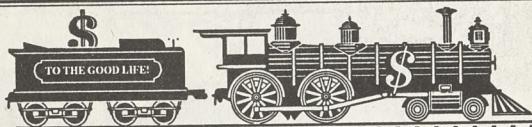
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This bill is a result of the combined efforts of the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The language of the bill was carefully crafted by a large group of experts in drug abuse and HIV infection, members of the medical community, pharmacists, local health officers, representatives from local communities and communities of color, law enforcement representatives, activists and university researchers.

If you have any questions or would like more information on this measure, please contact Patsy Kurokawa at (916) 445-8077.▼

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HUD Ends Hold Up on AIDS Housing Money

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will free up \$50 million in AIDS housing money that has been locked in the Department since October 1991, the AIDS Action Council announced. HUD's action culminates a months-long face-off with AIDS activists over the department's footdragging in writing regulations for the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act. The action came on February 10, the same day as a meeting between high-level HUD officials and AIDS Action Council, the AIDS National Interfaith Network (ANIN), and the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts.

"HUD officials told us, 'Stop the letters and phone calls. You won,'" said AIDS Action Executive Director Daniel T. Bross. "This is great news for the many people with AIDS who call housing their biggest problem."

Ken South of ANIN said, "Our next step is to get money for this program restored in the FY 93 budget." The FY 93 budget proposed by the President eliminated all funding for AIDS housing. The AIDS Housing Opportunities Act, a component of the Cranston-Gonzalez Affordable Housing Act, passed in 1990. It aims to prevent homelessness among people with AIDS by supporting transitional and permanent community-based housing programs. HUD's stalling was reportedly due to its reluctance to set a precedent with a population-specific program.▼

Shanti Executive Director Wins Rarity Israel Prize

Eric Rofes, the executive director of Shanti Project, San Francisco's pioneering AIDS service organization, has been awarded the Koret Israel Prize. The prize is awarded annually to "individuals who, through past achievement, demonstrate their potential to use an experience in Israel to continue to make vital contributions to the Bay Area Jewish Community."

The prize carries no strings except to ask recipients, when they return from Israel, to share their experiences in some way which enriches Jewish life in the Bay Area and strengthens the connection between Israel and San Francisco.

Rote serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and is the former executive director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

FAMILY MATTERS

Editor's Note: All you gay and lesbian families out there — talk to us! PATLAR is eager to share your experiences on parenting and working together as couples with our readers, but we need to hear it in your own words! Gay and lesbians across America want confirmation and reassurance that our family relationships are valid. Send in your stories — two to three typed pages. Help made a difference!

**Michael R.
Gorman**



Of Burger King and Closets

He was only five years old, but he was bright beyond his years. He wondered if he was responsible for Mommy and Daddy splitting up. He heard our denials, but also noticed the absence of a plausible alternative theory. He wondered why Christian friends who had loved Daddy before, now spoke of him rarely and with considerable discomfort. He wondered why his life was so filled with lawyers and psychologists. He wondered why Daddy's friends were so different from Mom's. He wondered why Daddy was so concerned about how he felt about "Daddy's roommate." He wondered why Grandma didn't like Daddy, her own son, anymore, and could that happen to him too?

Fear of the unknown is perhaps the most terrifying fear people can face, and yet unwittingly, in the first months after coming out of the closet, I became a participant in the great coverup that left my son fearing the events that swirled around him. Even gay and lesbian friends echoed the words I heard from the homophobes of my past: "He's too young to carry the burden of that knowledge. It will only confuse him. He has time enough to deal with the prejudice. He'll know soon enough." Yet my heart reminded me that I had never intentionally lied to my son. "You like answering questions, HUH Daddy?" The great educator had become the great coverup artist. And even a five year old could tell something was amiss. I finally decided to listen to the one person who mattered the most: my son. So one evening at Burger King we had a father-son conversation which will probably never show up on a Burger King commercial. I reminded him (and myself) that he could ask me anything he wanted. With a sigh of relief, he jumped right in. "Well, see, when you're a big person, boys kiss girls and girls kiss boys . . ." He had seen me kiss my "roommate." What followed was a candid, albeit scaled-down-for-developmental-level, discussion of human sexuality,

fear of prejudice and the closets that result. His questions were surprisingly incisive: why did you marry Mom in the first place; did you know you were gay when you were a kid; how come people are afraid of different people?

There was a rebirth in our relationship after that conversation. My son was relieved to have his dad back, the one who loved curiosity and treated his inquiries with respect and honesty. He stopped blaming himself for the divorce. He felt privileged to be trusted with truth that had such powerful potential. He felt connected again, and safe from the unknown ghosts that had haunted his life. He was more convinced than ever that he had a parent who would let him ask his questions freely. We set out together to build a new life, different from the one he had known before, but filled with all sorts of exciting possibilities and interesting people.

I have seen many gay and lesbian friends of mine struggle to hide their sexuality from their children.

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dren. I have watched as kids learned the truth from others and felt betrayed by a parent who could not trust them. I have seen kids cheated out of the unique perspective and cultural openness that is so much a part of having a gay parent or parents. I have never regretted that Burger King conversation, and neither has my son.

Everything is not wonderful about having gay parents. People who openly love gays and lesbians face the same kind of prejudice we face, the same struggles with the closet of fear, but unlike so many of us, my son faces those issues with the loving support of his family. He is growing into an open-minded, compassionate, accepting young man. He appreciates the diversity of the human family and celebrates it. He is equally comfortable conversing with a cowboy or a queer national. And most importantly he knows that who he is, is good. And he attributes

much of that self-esteem to the gay community. As he put it, "You know, Dad, having gay dads is really cool. Gay people treat me like a real person instead of just a kid. I guess 'cause they know what it's like for people not to listen to them."

When we hide in a closet, when we accept the burden of a false mask of heterosexuality, we rob our society of so much that is unique and wonderful about us as a people. Perhaps the ones we rob the most are our children. Let us hope there comes a day when our gay and lesbian children do not have to grow up thinking they are alone and our non-gay children do not have to miss out on the endless variety and beauty of the other people who inhabit their world. I intend to do what I can not to narrow my son's heritage. He deserves more than the traditional fantasy of family that so many of us grew up with. All children do. ♦



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AB2601 Carries Forward the Battle of AB101

In February LIFE Lobby and Assemblyman Terry Friedman (D-Los Angeles) announced the introduction of a new bill to secure employment protections for lesbian and gay Californians.

"This new bill, AB2601, is not about starting over. The campaign for AB101 was an enormous effort. We are building on that campaign," said LIFE Lobbyist Laurie McBride. Most importantly, this new legislation is not simply AB101-revisited. AB2601 starts from a different premise than AB101. Beginning this year the Industrial Relations Department began accepting sexual orientation discrimination cases in employment."

One month after the veto, an appellate court decision found that Labor Code Sections 1101 and 1102 cover sexual orientation. That decision, *Soroka vs. Davton Hudson*, expanded a 1979 California Supreme Court decision, *Gay Law Students vs. Pacific Telephone*. Immediately following the *Soroka* decision, the Governor instructed the Labor Commissioner to begin accepting employment discrimination complaints based on sexual orientation.

"It's the law of the land — it's being implemented, but we still want it in writing," said John Duran, LIFE Lobby Co-Chair and civil rights attorney. "The *Soroka* case itself may be overturned; we could get a new Labor Commissioner who could easily reverse the policy of accepting these cases."

Unlike AB101, the focus is no longer on whether employment rights of gays and lesbians SHOULD be protected under the law. Instead, AB2601 codifies existing case law and the focus turns to who is liable under existing law. For the Labor Code does not have exemptions for either small business nor the religious organizations that were contained in AB101.

McBride concluded, "We said all along that we wanted fair treatment under the law, not special rights. AB2601 proves it. The same exemptions that apply to other groups should apply to us, no matter what code it is in. No more, no less. Our 'hidden' agenda is equality." □

Black Condom Ad Runs In *BLK* While Majors Stall

Giovano, Inc., the black-owned company that distributes Caution Condoms, placed the first advertisement in a multi-run series on the back cover of *BLK*'s December issue, marking the first time an American condom distributor has taken such a high-profile ad in a gay publication.

The maker of the top-selling Trojan condoms, Carter-Wallace, Inc., on the other hand, recently came under fire for refusing to advertise in gay publications even though research shows that condom buyers are more likely to be gay than straight.

Giovano was founded in 1986 by Richard Quaison, an African American native of Ghana, Africa who has targeted his outreach to "homosexuals and heterosexuals of both genders and all ages irrespective of race or color."

First published in 1988, *BLK* is now the world's largest publication targeting the black lesbian and gay community.

BLK is published by Blk Publishing Company, Box 83912, Los Angeles, California 90083-0912. Telephone is (310)410-0808. □

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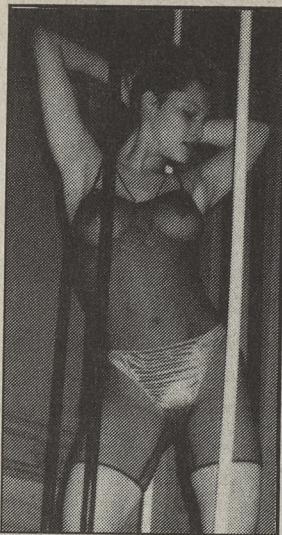
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New location: 1820 University Avenue at the University YWCA, second floor.

Sacramento's First Valentine's Erotica Ball

Nearly 150 celebrants braved a rainy February night for the event, a fund-raiser for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Erotic dancers (1,4) were featured for the enjoyment of the guests, including Mary Smith and Geni Cowan (2) and Dr. Neil Flynn (3).

Photos by M. Casey



Barn Dance '92

The XVIII Imperial Dove Court de Fresno and Madera invites you to experience Barn Dance '92 on Sunday, April 5 from Noon until 10 p.m. at the beautiful D & D Ranch in Madera.

The Barn Dance will feature two live country bands, blackjack and barnyard bingo, a food and crafts festival, a mini concours d'elegance, and announcement of Mr., Miss and Ms. Gay Cowboy/Cowgirl '92.

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Stockton's Celebrate Diversity Week '92 — March 6 - 13

Celebrate Diversity Week '92 is a week's worth of workshop's, seminars, panel discussions, debates, films, lectures and cultural events that focus on issues of diversity in age, gender, handicap, religion, sexual orientation and ethnic origin. For program information about Diversity Week events, call (209)946-3999.

Festival passes are available at \$20 per person, which includes admission to all events for the week. Housing is available on the university campus for \$10 a night. Single admission to the films is \$3.50 per person. Admission for all workshops and lectures is free. For festival pass information call (209)946-2444. For housing information call (209)946-2331.

Celebrate Diversity Week '92 will illustrate how the gay and lesbian community adds richness and depth to the diversity in our culture. *Parting Glances*, a story of gay urban culture in New York City, will be one of the seven films featured during Diversity Week's Film Fest. Lead actor Richard Goung, among others, will be here to respond to the film in a panel discussion that follows. Also playing in the festival is Jan Oxenberg's new film *Thank You and Goodnight*, winner of the Audience's Pick at the 1991 San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. Jan will also be present to discuss her film for a panel that immediately follows.

All events take place on the University of the Pacific campus in Stockton, California. □

Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather Contest 1992



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Held February 1st at Joseph's T & C, the contest feature hot fantasies by contestants Carolina (5) and Lorna (4) as well as Mr. Leather Sacramento, Wes. (3) Carolina won the title (1) and

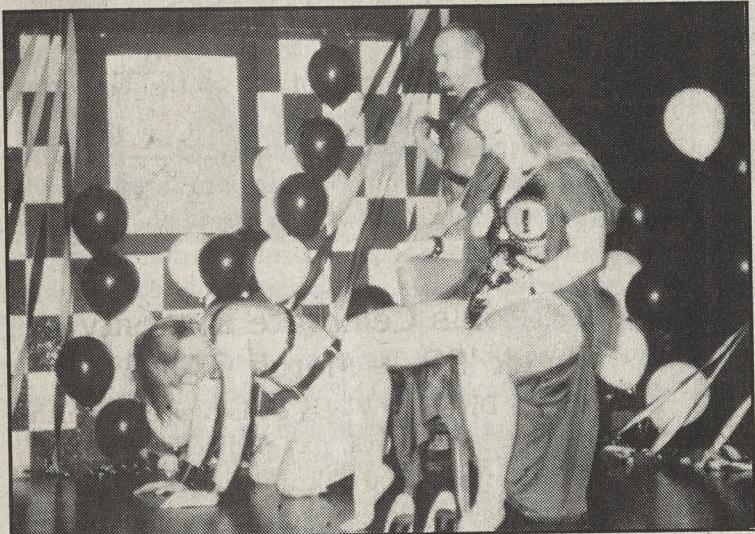
J.C. Collins was MC. (2)

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Hawaii Gays, Lesbians And Supporters Step Forward To Assume Leadership Roles

More than 35 gays and lesbians from all areas of expertise have come forward to act as representatives of their community to the media and legislature. Joining them are many friends and supporters who can speak with authority on issues affecting the gay and lesbian community of Hawaii.

This announcement was made by Tom Humphreys, president of the Hawaii Organization for Political Empowerment (H.O.P.E.), in response to questions brought against the community about the suitability of William E. Woods, former executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, to act as a representative for the gay community.

Woods appears frequently in media accounts as a self-appointed gay community spokesperson although sources note "the Honolulu gay community is very diverse and Woods speaks only for himself."

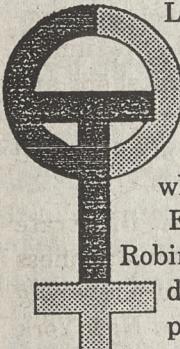
On December 20, 1991, after two days of denying any wrongdoing, Woods admitted to the personal use of federal funds entrusted to him as treasurer of the Hawaii AIDS Task Group.

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Golden Threads

The Sixth Annual Golden Threads Celebration will take place on June 26-28, 1992 at the Provincetown Inn in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Lesbian women from all over the United States, many from Canada, and some from other countries, will converge in Provincetown to celebrate what they are and their age, whatever it is.

Entertainment will be provided by Robin Tyler. A banquet will be followed by dancing with our own DJ, mixing in the pre-rock oldies. Sing-a-longs and rap sessions will be offered. Attendance to the Celebration is limited to 250 women.

In existence since 1985, Golden Threads is a worldwide social network of Lesbian women over 50, and women who are interested in older women — no Lesbian woman is excluded. A contact publication Golden Threads, is published four times a year. It lists many self-descriptions of Lesbian women, resources, book reviews, all addressing the interests and concerns of the older Lesbian woman.

For more information please contact: Christine Burton, Golden Threads, PO Box 3177, Burlington, VT 05401-0031 ▼

Friends and members of Hawaii's gay and lesbian community are concerned about the political fallout of this incident. "Because Woods appears as a spokesperson, this singular incident cannot help but reflect negatively on the gay community," said Scott Foster, journalist and businessman. "We do not consider Woods a representative of our community."

Meanwhile, many gays, lesbians and supporters have stepped forward to carry the mantel of leadership into the new year and beyond. "Despite the devastation wrought on our community by AIDS, never before in our history have we been so strong, so determined to move our agenda forward," said Cheryl L. Embry, publisher of Island Lifestyle Magazine, the news magazine of Hawaii's gay and lesbian community. "This strong showing of support from within the community and from our friends and supporters is evidence to that fact." ♦

7th Annual Couples Network Convention

The 7th National Anniversary Convention/Celebration of Couples National Network, Inc., has been set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 1, 2, and 3, 1992 at Hollywood's historic Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, famous as the setting of the first Academy Awards dinner in the late 1920s.

Gay and Lesbian Couples from around the nation are currently making plans to respond to the convention's cross continental "love call," by completing registration forms in preparation for what promises to be the most diverse and interesting celebration since the "couples concept" organization was founded in 1984.

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Saturday's plans will be punctuated by an elegant, (black-tie optional) dinner dance in the Blossom Room of the Hollywood Roosevelt, as well as the comedic skills of *Saturday Night Live* star, Terry Sweeney, known for his acerbic impersonation of former first lady, Nancy Reagan. Sweeney will also be honored together with his partner, Linier Laney, in celebrating the tenth anniversary of their relationship.

In addition to sharing monthly social camaraderie, MemberCouples participate in award-winning forums focused on wills & estate planning, real estate investments, safe sex informations, regional gay pride events, building better relationship workshops, athletic events, and AIDS fundraising activities, which have generated countless thousands of dollars on behalf of AIDS related charities across the nation during the organization's eight year history.

The convention is open to all same gendered couples who do not necessarily need to belong to an affiliate to participate. Interested couples can contact the convention c/o Holiday in Hollywood, PO Box 308, Alhambra, CA 91802. ♦

Governor Weld Creates Nation's First Commission on Gay And Lesbian Youth

Massachusetts Governor William Weld (R) signed an executive order on February 10 establishing the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth. Weld signed the order at a ceremony at the Massachusetts State House attended by over 100 people representing over 20 gay and lesbian organizations.

The Gay Youth Commission will advise Governor Weld directly as well as three members of his cabinet on creation of programs to help gay youth. The sixteen member commission will meet and make recommendations to the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Human Services and the Secretary of Communities and Development.

Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Paul Cellucci announced that the commission, which will be appointed by the Governor within sixty days, would consist of at least: one high school student, one college student, one parent of a gay person, one educator, and one mental health professional. ♦

San Diego Leather Fest

Leatherfest IV, sponsored by the San Diego Chapter of the NLA has selected March 13, 14, and 15 for the dates of its annual meeting. Grocery

Hearts, the newest fund-raising arm for the San Diego AIDS Foundation food bank has been selected as this year's recipient of the Leatherfest donation.

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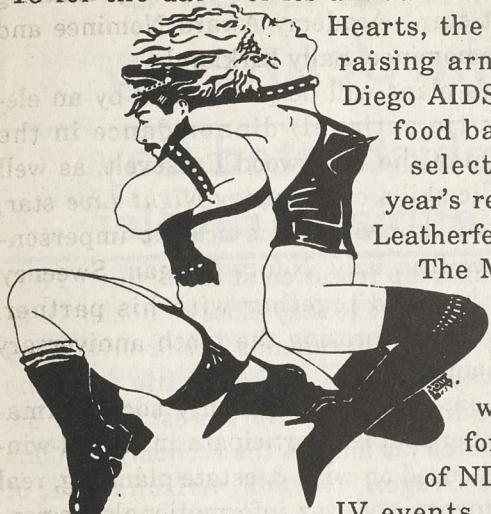
A schedule of events has been set which will include Receptions, An awards banquet, Demonstrations and workshops, 12 step space, vendor areas, as well as various late night activities.

Registration has been limited to the first 210 persons who submit their forms. Interested persons are encouraged to register as soon as possible to ensure a space.

The fees for this year's events have been set as follows: Registration fees are \$55 for members of the National Leather Association (any chapter) and \$65 for non-members. Registration will include admission to the workshops and demos, vendor areas, the awards banquet, a Leatherfest IV T-shirt, and other items. More information on registration may be obtained by contacting Richard Reynolds at (619) 281-7572. More info on the NLA may be obtained by calling (619) 286-2427 or writing NLA San Diego at PO Box 3092, San Diego, Ca. 92163.▼

Death: A Gay Experience?

Is death, like life, different for gays and lesbians compared to heterosexuals? This is just one of the many questions a new research project hopes to answer. Many people throughout the world have had "near death experiences" including many gays and lesbians. Do these NDE's have anything to teach us about "real death," or possibly even about



life itself? Any gay/lesbian, bisexual, or transgender persons who have had a NDE are encouraged to take part in the study. Write NDE Study, PO Box 708, Cloudcroft, NM 88317-0708.▼

Physique '92

On Saturday, June 13th, The Arcadia Bodybuilding Society will present the sixth annual International Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships, Physique '92. We have moved from Mission High to Lowell High in the heart of San Francisco. Physique '92 will be sanctioned by the A.A.U. for the first time. The Amateur Athletic Union is a prestigious sports organization that was founded 104 years ago and it was the organizer of the modern Olympic Games which began in 1894.

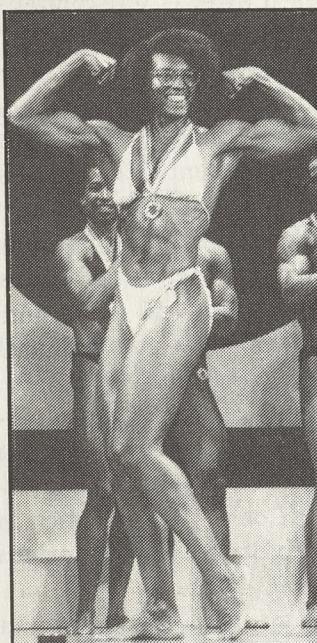


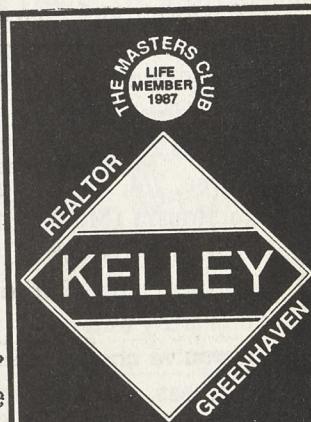
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Physique '92 is also a qualifying event for the National Natural Mr. U.S.A. competition which will be held in Virginia this year.

All bodybuilders who are interested in entering either write ABS at 1230 Market Street, Suite 221, San Francisco, CA or call George at (415)431-6254.▼

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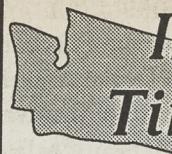
It's festival time again! This month, there's the famous Dinah Shore Golf Tournament (3/27-29) — a melding of dykes and parties. For \$65, you can camp with continental breakfasts at Lake Cahuilla: contact Rosemary Woodward Productions, PO Box 783, Thousand Palms CA 92276 or call (619) 343-2207. For a northern exposure, try Celebration of Change IX in Anchorage, AK 3/14: (907) 263-2787. The 3rd annual gathering of lesbian/gay writers, editors, publishers, sellers, and readers — OutWrite — will be happening in Boston 3/20-22, the conference's first time off the West Coast. Registration is \$50: OutWrite '92, 540 Castro Street, San Francisco CA 94114-2512 or call (617) 695-0511.

If you can't go to the event, then the event can come to you. Canadian Lucie Blue Tremblay's heartfelt live act and signature whistle will travel to Providence, Philadelphia, Columbus, Troy NY, Kerrville TX, Haverhill MA, and the 3/20-3/27 Mexican & 5/1-5/8 Bahamas Olivia cruises.

Also on the road again is the dynamic duo of Cris Williamson and Tret Fure, whose shows together feature one set of music apiece, with some overlap and much positive energy. Doing a mix of solo and twosome gigs, they'll appear on the 3/20-3/27 Mexican and 6/11-6/19 Alaskan Olivia cruises, in Boston, Northampton, and Worcester MA, Flushing and Hopewell Junction NY, Great Falls MT, Hartford, Wichita, in Canada 5/22-5/30, and at the Pacific Northwest Women's Music and Cultural Jamboree, 7/4, in Bellingham WA. Two special trips are to Russia (Moscow 2/29-3/2 and St. Petersburg 3/7), and to Australia (Melbourne, Darwin, Brisbane, Canberra, and Sydney in early May). Word is truly out!

If you've chosen the scholastic path to meaning and success, did you know that over \$6 million in available scholarships and endowments went unclaimed in 1991, and that some awards are based on sociocultural circumstances, rather than on GPA or need: Movement Essentials, 37 Logan Street, Denver CO 80203. The bright news: there are university benefits for lesbian/gay couples at 22 U.S. campuses, according to a survey by the National

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**Ira Gruber & Tina Jenneray**

Sophisticated Gay & Lesbian Traveler

With a double-dip recession at hand, many PATLAR readers will want to stay close to home. To be honest, for us California remains our favorite place to visit, anyway. It's nice to see a little sunshine when you live in the rainy Northwest, as we do. Other alternatives (as long as the economy remains muddled) are Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and, of course Hawaii (when the good deals are being offered.)

For those womyn readers who ARE so inclined still inclined to venture off to some place exotic in 1992, we recommend checking out the terrific cruises being offered by Olivia Cruises in Oakland. In fact, just recently Babs Daitch of Olivia reminded us to convey to PATLAR's readers some of the cruises they will be presenting beginning with two excursions up Alaska's Inside Passage, June 12 - 19 & June 19 - 26. Or, how about a historic first-time womyn's cruise through the Greek Isles with a stop at Lesbos, home of the lesbian school lyric poetry? If that isn't fantastic enough then what about a tropical dream cruise the Mexican Caribbean, departing from Miami to Cozumel, the Blue Lagoon and Playa del Carmen? For more information on departures and exact fares, call (510) 655-0364 or toll free from outside of California (800) 631-6277.

While Olivia Cruises caters mainly to womyn (both straight and lesbian) men are not exactly excluded from them. According to Olivia President Judy D'Lugacy no man has as yet asked to book passage on one. While the crowd so far has been mostly white, about 5% is black. Prices for a cruise range from \$600 - \$1,000.

Meanwhile, Oakland strives to refute Gertrude Stein's withering observation, "There is no There there." Well, Olivia Cruises is part of the Oakland renaissance. We are aware that Oakland is known for a Roslyn Manzille sculpture in City Square which is defiantly entitled "There," but since we have not been to Oakland, we will have to wait until we get "there" to draw our own conclusions.

One city in California that we did spend same time in recently is Los Angeles, and as we get back

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Gay and Lesbian Task Force: send \$5 to 1734 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C., 20009-4309. The dark news: a British lesbian teacher has been censured for classroom discussions of homosexuality: \$\$ to defray legal costs may be sent to Women In Dialogue, PO Box 14512, San Francisco CA 94114 or (415) 558-9628.

Speaking of money, do you remember when the National Endowment for the Arts rescinded grants to four queer cultural workers? Two of them (Holly Hughes and Tim Miller) have turned around and established a private fund for lesbian/gay performance artists, hoping to support "out" work: Highways Performance Space, 1651 18th Street, Santa Monica CA 90404 or (213) 453-1755. Also vital is the promotional and networking organization Lesbian Visual Artists, whose purpose is to make lesbian visual artists visible: LVA, 3543 18th Street #5, San Francisco CA 94110.

Do you want to come out and stay out? Dotty Calabrese runs workshops for women in any stage of lesbian actualization. Her gatherings focus on issues of communication, sexuality, problem solving, and oppression: call (415) 968-1981.

In contemplating free queer speech and women's rights, keep in mind Irene Petropolou, editor of *Amphi*, the journal of the Greek lesbian/gay libera-

tion movement, who was sentenced to 5 months in prison for publishing material deemed "indecent and offensive," reporter Julie Brienza who was fired from United Press International because she was freelancing for *The Washington Blade*; incoming National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland who has been criticized by some middle-of-the-road feminists as well as by the adamant Right for her long-term lesbian involvement in addition to her marriage to painter James Humble (now there's a great name for a man).

Someone who was silenced in a different way was feminist activist Jackie Winnow, who succumbed to metastatic breast cancer several months ago after publishing her story in *Cancer As A Women's Issue*, edited by Midge Stocker, Third Side Press. A related cancer war was waged by San Francisco sociologist Barbara Rosenblum, whose struggles with autonomy, rage, and pain were chronicled posthumously by her surviving lover, Sandra Butler, in *Cancer in Two Voices*, Spinsters Press. For up-to-date women's health networking, subscribe to Women Healthsharing, 14 Skey Lane, Toronto Ontario M6J 3S4, CANADA.

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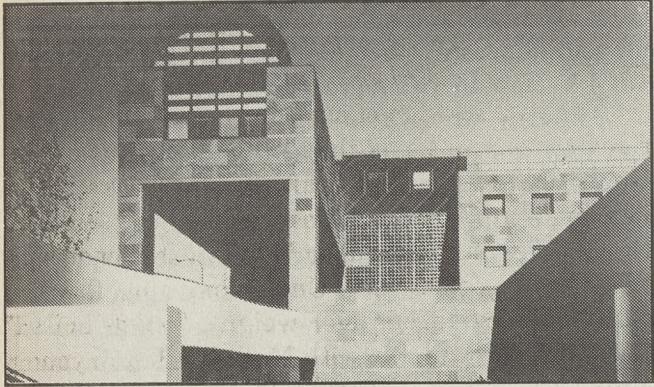
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to our "stay close to home" theme, we would like to say something about the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA). While it is not really in the class of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, it has done a good job of revitalizing downtown L.A.'s cultural scene since it opened in 1986. Located at California Plaza (250 S. Grand Avenue) MOCA has



Museum of Contemporary Art

Phot by: Yasuhiro Ishimoto

been described to us by Ann Graham, the Public Information Officer, as a "sleek, geometric marvel." The new building was designed by celebrated Japanese architect, Arata Isozaki. At night it is particularly beautiful, as the edifice resembles the Body Electric. To be honest, we were a bit dis-

pointed by the "bare-bones" interior, but the collection, a Modernist Pantheon, focuses on abstract expressionism, including works by such renowned artists as Pollack, Calder, Miro and Giacometti. The interior IS spacious and is illuminated by pyramidal skylights in the ceiling. It is, to borrow a California idiom, "Awesome!"

In contrast to this facility is the Temporary Contemporary (the T.C.), also part of MOCA, which is located at 152 N. Central Ave., in Little Tokyo. While the T.C. was originally intended only to house exhibits while the new main museum was under construction, it has now become a permanent part of the MOCA package. Concealed inside a bare and funky warehouse exterior is a wide collection of intriguing exhibits that focus on today's avant-garde, depicting the works of some of the important young artists of today in a bold and unpretentious setting. We were somewhat surprised and delighted to see a show there last April that we had previously seen at the Whitney Museum in New York about a year ago. We rather enjoyed the T.C., actually, as it appears to be a cross between princely space for contemporary expression and a "people's" museum. We haven't found, while the new Museum of Contemporary Art seems to be almost the epitome of pretension. Be that as it may, they compliment each other and both should be visited and enjoyed. The DASH shuttle actually does provide transportation between the two facilities for just 30¢.

Like the Walker Museum in Minneapolis, the Museum of Contemporary Art is creating audio tapes to accompany their exhibits. This is definitely on the cutting edge! The museum is open Tues. - Wed. and Fri. - Sun. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Admission is \$4.00 except on Thursdays between 5 - 8 p.m. when everybody can appreciate fine art for FREE. For a calendar of what the special exhibits will be for 1992 write to the Museum of Contemporary Art at 250 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012 or call (213) 621-2766 and ask for a newsletter.

By the way, when you are in Little Tokyo visiting the Temporary Contemporary, there are two other attractions we would like to tell you about. First, we really must give mention to the Museum of Neon Art, located at 704 Traction Ave, and not just because it was founded by a lesbian. No, we found this place to be one of the most intriguing and best-hidden downtown museums we have ever stumbled onto, and it is situated just two blocks from the T.C. The exhibits range from neon artwork to other innovative forms of electric and kinetic sculpture, and this pint-sized museum has been re-

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ceiving rave reviews from art critic's around the country.

The other attraction in Little Tokyo is Little Tokyo Pizza. For just \$4.95 the "All-you-can-eat" buffet includes both traditional Japanese cuisine as well as pizza with a variety of toppings. It's a great deal if you are hungry. The food's not bad, the ambiance is funky yet friendly and we enjoyed a good hour there after our cultural experience at the three museums, noshing out on culturally correct fast food.

While we were in L.A. we stayed at the Mayfair Hotel, located at 1256 West 7th Street. In the 20's & 30's this was the hotel of the stars. They still have a beautiful skylight restaurant which overlooks a gorgeous courtyard lobby, and we did find the art deco rooms to be quite tasteful. But, to be honest we thought the hotel was somewhat overpriced. We have learned that the Mayfair is now a Best Western property, and according to Terri Jessup, the hotel's sales director, right now they are featuring an incredible \$65 per night special complete with a complimentary American breakfast. In order to find out if the special is still running when you want to make your trip to L.A. here are some numbers to call. In California (800) 874-2642 and outside California (800) 821-8682 will put you in direct contact with the hotel. You can also call Best Western Hotels at (800) 528-1234. Otherwise, the Mayfair offers daily rates of \$85. and \$65 on Fridays and Saturdays. For convenience and accessibility to downtown Los Angeles, the Best Western Mayfair Hotel is now a best buy. If you wish to obtain a brochure you can write to Best Western Mayfair Hotel, 1256 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

There are two gay lodgings we would like to mention as well. Unfortunately, at this point in time we cannot give either one a rating as we are unfamiliar with them on a personal level. But if you wish to check them out they are the San Vicente Inn at 837 N. San Vicente in West Hollywood, which is a bed & breakfast; their number is (213) 854-6915, and the Orchid Suites Hotel, which we hear offers private kitchenettes. It is located at 1753 N Orchard Ave. next to the Chinese Theatre and has a toll-free number for more information — (800) 537-3052.

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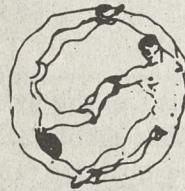
Stan Cutler

Best Performance By A Patsy - and - The Face On The Cutting Room Floor

The sine qua non of a good mystery, whether serious or humorous, is that it hold your attention. Unfortunately, both of Stan Cutler's books, "Best Performance By A Patsy" and its sequel "The Face On The Cutting Room Floor", fail in this endeavor. In "Best Performance", Cutler pairs up Rayford Goodman, an aging, over-weight, "hard-boiled" Hollywood private eye, with Mark Bradley, a young, ambitious, gay journalist/would-be novelist. What a fun-filled conjunction! Not.

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The leather attitude is a hard thing to define. It is a feeling within, a type of sensual, sexual fantasy that revolves around two or more people acting out their desires with each other in a way that regular sex does not. The Chinese say that the desire is more erotic than the fulfillment. Perhaps so, there have been many times that I have lost my desire for someone after we have been together, and I think that there are a lot of us who have had the same basic thing happen. But the ones we will always remember, no matter how many others we have been



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with are the ones that make us feel the most alive. Those who by their style or their ability to take us into new areas of desire and ultimate fulfillment will forever be etched in our memories. In a society that likes to play safe, we often feel the desire to just go out and lay it all on the line and see where we wind up. When we loose, we loose big, but when we win we have the whole world by the tail. Leather lifestyle and leather sex is some ways like this. It fulfills our need for danger and very much fulfills our need for adventure.

In the regular world of day to day life we often see others that are doing something different and wish that we could exchange places with them. Usually this is simply because we have become bored with our own self due to the lack of diversity in our life and the lack of new ideas. This is especially true in our sex lives. One of the main reasons many couples don't last is due to a lack of imagination in their sex. Even something as great as sex can and will get boring if you just do it one way all of the time. And yet so many people go from partner to partner looking for something different, instead of trying different thing with one main partner. I've been approached by couples for a three way and when I ask why, the reply is always the same, something different. But when I ask them if they have ever tried this or that they usually say no, they just

want to do the same old things but with someone else.

The question for most of us in the leather world isn't whether or not we can find someone for sex; that is almost guaranteed. The challenge is to find someone to fulfill the exact desire that we have at that time. There is a philosophy among the leather set that says after a person has had sex with a lot of different partner's, something changes inside your head. One more fuck just won't do it anymore. It is no longer satisfying. But just beyond the regular menu of mass produced junk food fucks, there lays a region that can be called precision sex. Those that begin to explore this area first start their training by finding out exactly what it is that turns them on and then do their graduate work by tracking down those precise experiences. While most gays and straights are just out trying to get laid, the leather group is constantly out there refining such exotic

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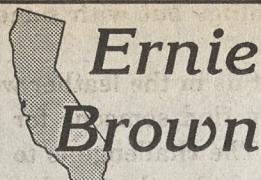


skills as bondage, pleasure-pain, sensual fabrics and scents, cult rituals, and deep levels of male and female bonding.

There are several areas of the leather attitude that psychologists and researchers are just now beginning to understand and explain. Color choice is the most obvious one. Everywhere you look in the leather world you see black. Black leather, black levis, black tee shirts. It was thought for a long time that the choice of black as the basic color was just due to a perception of the color as sexy, but we now know that there is much more to it than that.

In 1947 Dr. Max Luscher, a professor of psychology in Switzerland, developed the Luscher Color Test, which shows that accurate psychological information be obtained about an individual based on their choices and rejections of basic colors. The test is used throughout the world by psychologists, Psychiatrists and physicians involved with the conscious and unconscious characteristics and motivations of others. The color black is the chief color of aggression. To choose to wear the color black shows a desire for more aggressive behavior. People that are not normally drawn to the color, if they are forced to wear it become more aggressive. Even historians, horrified by the acts of the Nazi party, admit that the black uniform of the SS was truly the ultimate in military uniform design. No one ever ac-

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Views From River City

It's that time of year again, Spring: March: when a young man's fancy turns. The supreme happiness of life is the conviction of being loved for yourself. Or, more correctly, being loved in spite of yourself. So get out there and good pickins. You might be able to find Mr. or Ms. Right. At some of these events listed below.

Starting off with the Wreck Room, St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. "Paddy's Pig Party." On Saturday March 3rd at the Wreck Room the Sacto. Leather Assoc. has a "Sacto, Hoe" party. The Wreck Room's bare chest competition is every fourth Saturday in the month.

Sacto's Annual Camp Award will take place March 21st, at 7 p.m., at Town & Country Club, ten dollars at the door, hosted by "Lakish & Skip.". There will be "the Annual Pisces Party" at the Merc on March 9th, starting at 5 p.m. All you Pisces out there come down and reg. We are going to make this a big one. All you Pisces come out and share. Bring a dish.

March 15th, at the Townhouse, the second annual benefit: "Lacage Awful" starting at 7 p.m. Those two ladies are back!! Linda Snooks and Vannah! Yes, March 7th, starting at 10 p.m. Adm. six dollars at the door. They are great together. The Townhouse will be celebrating St. Paddy's with a party and raffles. Speaking of the Townhouse, Paul is now in the kitchen cooking four nights a week. I must say he is turning out some gourmet meals. Give him a try.

The Town & Country have a whole month of activities going on. Too many to mention here. I suggest that you take a ride out there, partake of all the events.

Shakers, will be having a St. Patrick's Day party, Mar. 17th. Shakers Single Club is doing quite well, they meet every Wed. nite, starting at 5 p.m.

Have you seen Faces lately? It's got a new, pardon the pun, a new face lift. They literally raised the roof. Terry, congratulations! You have gotten every inch out of that building. They are having a lot of events during the month of March.

Thank you Paul and Shondra, your matinee show at the Western raised over \$346. Half went to Hope House and the other half went to "The Fairy Godfathers."

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cused the SS of not being aggressive. A recent study also shows that football teams wearing black uniforms tend to rack up a far greater number of fouls and penalty points than do teams wearing other colors.

Gay men and women who had been conditioned all of their lives to believe that all queers were weak and helpless began to experience the desire to be the masters of their own fate and the wearing of black leather as a symbol of their own strength became the norm. Even now some of the leather bars enforce a black dress code in order to maintain an aggressive atmosphere, and those who are trying to join what they believe to be a very special brotherhood wear the black uniform as a perceived method of entry and overall acceptance. It is interesting to note that Dr. Luscher also found that the color lavender, so beloved by mainstream gays, denoted emotional instability or psychosis. I mention this fact not as a dis to mainstream gays but just to make you think. Next we will discuss differences in attitudes and relationships between tops and bottoms, masters and slaves, and daddies and boys—so until then try it in leather. ♦

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The Afrocentric Weekend Celebration Committee invites you to a fund-raiser in honor of "Brother to Brother," a support group for HIV positive African American gay and bisexual men: a "Weenie Roast" at the Merc on Saturday March 14 from 1 to 6 p.m.

I would like to tell you something. Putting together a trip like the one we just took to San Diego takes a lot of time and energy. As a matter of fact, this trip took 3 months to put together. All for your convenience and enjoyment. And a good trip it was; except for the last hour and ten minutes. We are suppose to be intelligent adults. Sometimes I wonder about the intelligent part. I don't like talking down to any one, but we all know what can and cannot be done on a plane. Common sense would tell you that. You know who you are, you know what

you did. *This will not be tolerated.* I would like to apologize to the rest of my travelers for any inconvenience this may have caused you. These individuals involved will not be on any of my future travels. Sorry, grow up. ♦

HERZIG Continued

It's the standard 'strange bedfellows' gimmick, played for all it's worth, which still leaves change from your dollar. Haven't we done the "bigot meets faggot" — result: grudging respect" scenario enough already? Apparently not, as long as it sells. Anyhow, journalist Bradley is assigned by his sadistic boss to ghost-write Goodman's auto-biography. Goodman 'cracked' a famous murder case 'way back in the '60's, and there-in rests his claim to fame. Well, in the course of researching the auto-biography, the famous case starts to unravel. Something is rotten in the state of L.A. — and the putrescence seems to include various Hollywood celebs, police supervisors, and a mafioso or two. And so on....

As frequently happens in this genre, Cutler mistakes plot for pace. When things are dragging (all too often for this reviewer), he throws more plot twists at us. More characters, more guilty secrets, more corpses. More padding.

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Yeah!

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Good this time!

'Nother beer?

Hey then . . .

What about them niggers?

Them niggers

Yeah

Them niggers

Takin' over downtown

Ruint it

She-it !

HERZIG Continued

Cutler writes in the relentlessly 'clever' style so beloved of current TV sit-coms. The books are narrated by the two protagonists, Goodman and Bradley, in alternating chapters. In feverish pursuit of the bon mot, Cutler ends up having his characters almost indistinguishable as separate voices. Without the chapter headings, it's hard to tell who's speaking. Someone must have called Cutler's attention to this, because in the sequel Goodman, while still turning phrase after phrase, occasionally forgets the use of such esoteric words as 'like', 'which', 'for', and 'as'. Instead of "She looked like she was guilty," which is sufficiently down-and-dirty detective-ese for most of us, Cutler has Goodman favor us with "She looked she was guilty." I think I'm not impressed.

On top of all this, Cutler makes it a point at the end of the first book to assure us that he is NOT gay (he's got a wife, see?), but one of his best friends IS.

What a guy. What a sell. What a waste.▼

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Where y'all from?
Hey now
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Waiting, silent
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Southern preacher
With a satellite voice
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Be sure 'n see
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Yes, fill the plate
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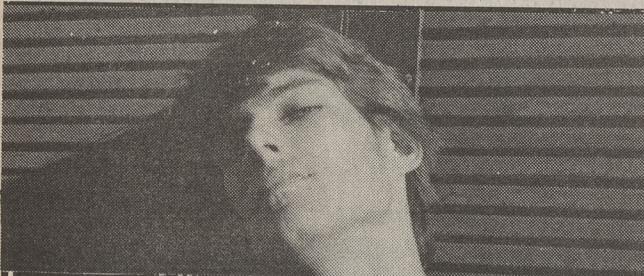
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Four Statements

There is some type of god.
I am a strong woman.
Life does have meaning
and
There are still places where flowers
are not afraid to dance.

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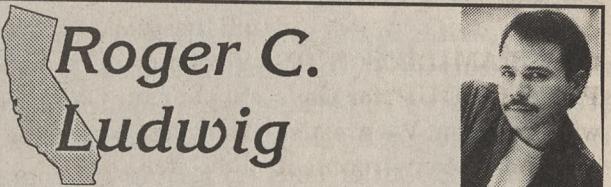
G. Piggford

Three of Them

There were three of them in the conference room.
I knew that something was definitely up:
I could see it in their faces' frown.
I guessed they would tell me soon enough.
"Please sit down," the chairman said, distinctly;
Then silence. No one wanted to begin.
"Is there a problem?" I queried coolly.
"We are not," this time it was the dean,
"Convinced that you are giving this your all."
"My all?" from me. "We are relieving you, er
Of your teaching position." I was quite pale.
"Removing me?" I was growing paler.
"What about my thesis?" I asked the third.
"Maurice is not literature," he abjured.▼

Pretty Boys

Watercolors hung
Well on the wall—
Comely, all
Straight and stiff:
Nailed up among
Others I've been with.▼



*Roger C.
Ludwig*

The Blind Man

Bowlegged little man,
Creaked on his rusty hinges,
As he walked,
Anonymously through the night.
Empty sockets for eye.
Smoked stained fingers,
Clutched his cane,
Tapping rhythmically before him.
"Dribbs and drabs for him."
But he held a steadfast smile,
And trudged on.▼

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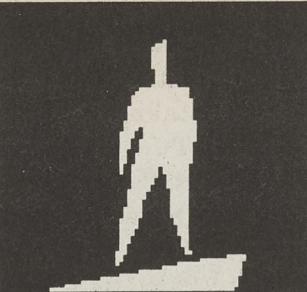
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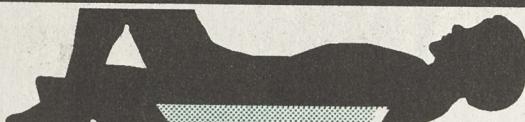
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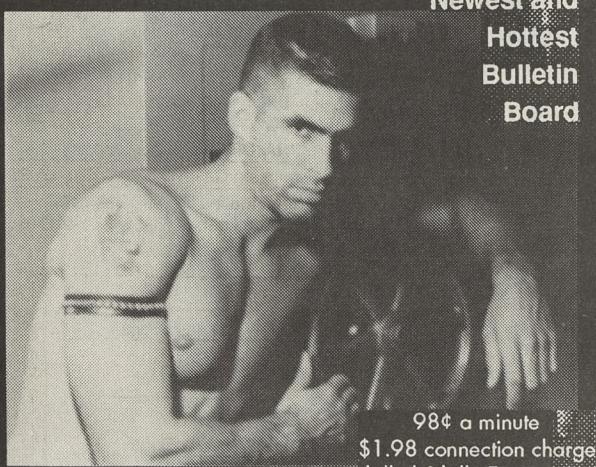
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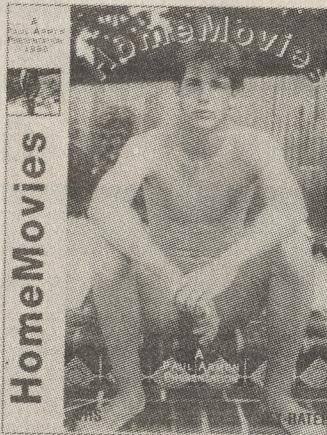
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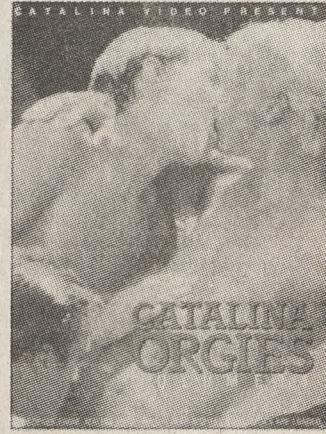
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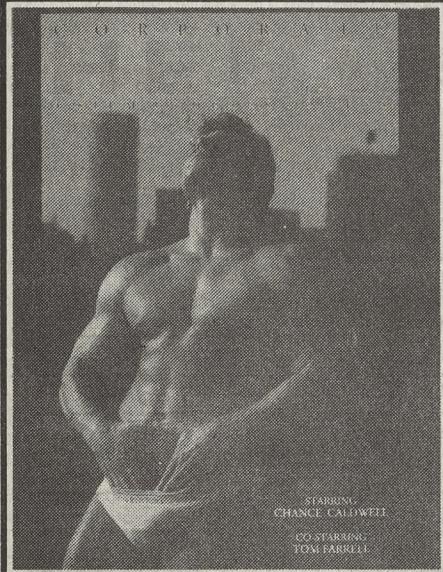


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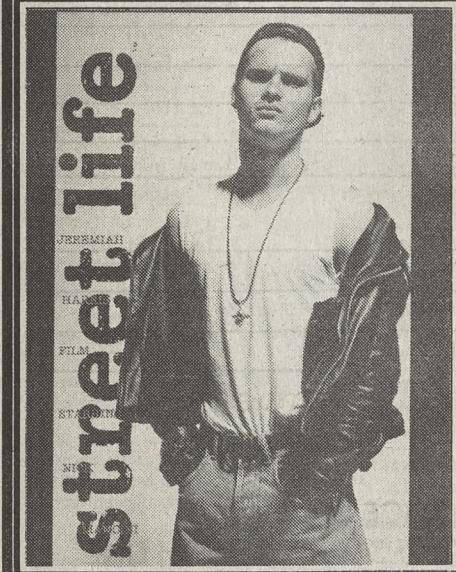
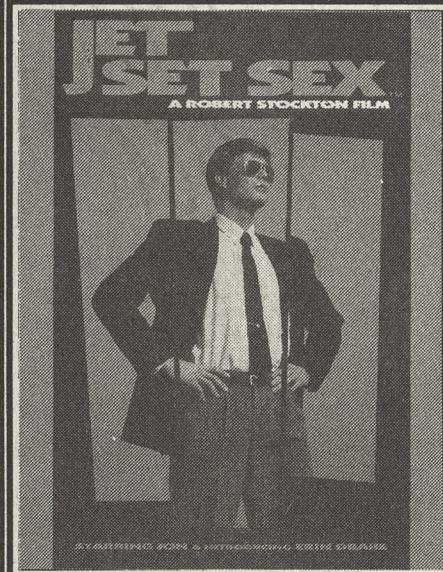
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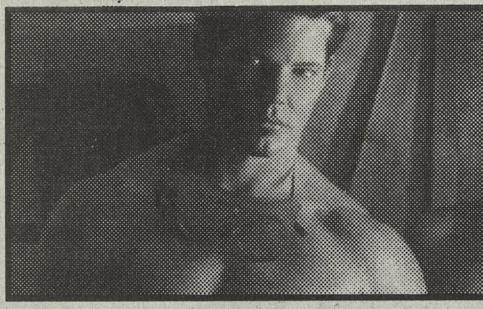
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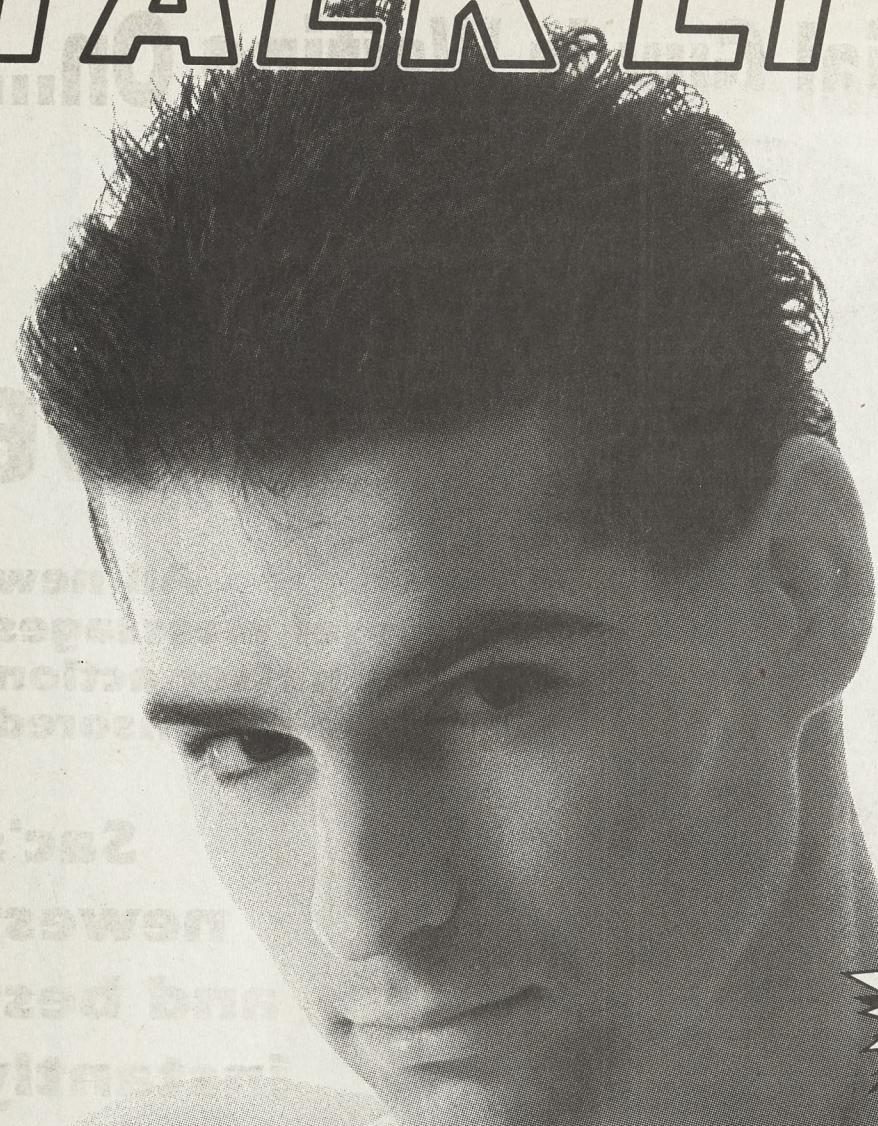
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